

Local News Events of the Past Week as Depicted by Bolmar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Crooks again become active in Topeka, and several burglaries are reported to the police.



Civil service examination for city employees. Twelve applicants are examined by Civil Service Board.



Thirteen high school pupils are suspended by City Superintendent Wilson for alleged membership in a sorority.



The Sunflower association, composed of colored farmers throughout Kansas hold convention.



County Physician Lull's bill for professional services at city prison, again turned down by city commissioners.



The Order of The Moose held an athletic event and a general membership rally.



Decision day at the State Supreme Court, brings grief to some and joy to others.

SCHOOL SERIES NO 3

IN LITERATURE AND ATHLETICS

Two of the Strongest Features of Polk School.

Two Societies in Every Grade From the Fifth Up.

WERE STARTED 15 YEARS AGO

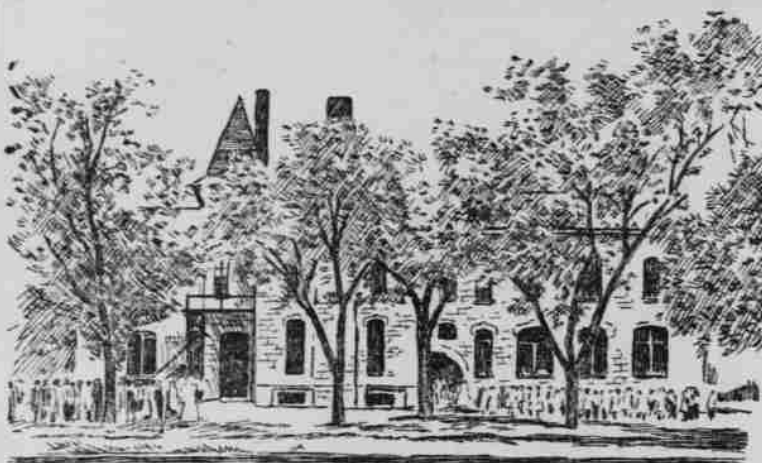
Those of the Eighth Grade Issue Papers Regularly.

The Largest Playgrounds of Any School in City.

James Whitcomb Riley remembered the Polk school once to the extent of writing a little letter thanking the seventh grade for naming a literary society after him. He gave the society a photograph bearing his signature. Edwin Menninger and Burt Hurrie were the correspondents for the society and Menninger still has the letter the poet sent him. The photograph still hangs in the seventh grade room.

Literary societies form the most flourishing form of student life at Polk. Started fifteen years ago, there are now two in every grade from the fifth up and every child belongs to one. The names are those of great writers in most cases. The eighth grade societies are the Hawthornes and the Longfellow and each organization has thirty-two members. At the close of the school year there are no regular graduation exercises for the passing eighth graders but the societies pick their best men and put on a superlative program. Outside judges award the first and second places. The two literary societies have papers which are read at every meeting. The Hawthorne X-Ray and the Longfellow Despatch have been a regular number on every program for the past fifteen years.

Largest Playground.
Polk school has the largest playground in the city and teams from Lowman school frequently practice games upon it. Association and soccer football have been the interesting sports during the past few months. This year the sixth grade won the city championship for its class and the eighth grade picked up first place in



Polk School's Greatest Asset is the Trees That Surround the Building.

the district championship. Association football teams were unlucky, the eighth grade eleven taking the count at the first game and being put out of the running.

Paintings in Every Room.
J. W. Giesed loaned Polk school a number of fine pictures some years ago and now every room is tastefully decorated with copies of famous paintings.

"Probably no school in Topeka has so fine a collection of paintings as Polk," says Miss Katherine Gentry, the principal. The school house is the original building with an addition on the west side. The old building was erected more than 39 years ago and although dingy looking is still modern enough to be convenient. Very few of the teachers have been at the building for more than five years. George Richardson, colored, was the first janitor to be employed and set out all of the immense trees around the yard. He was janitor for 39 years and a few years ago was transferred to the Buchanan school.

"No, nothing has ever happened at Polk," says Miss Gentry. "I've been here 15 years and we've not had a fire, murder, or anything exciting. Just a plain school with pep."

The teachers at Polk school are: Katherine Gentry, principal; Myrtle Warrington, seventh grade; Julia E. Davis, sixth grade; Irene Troxell, fifth grade; Mrs. Kathryn Crawford, fourth grade; Rose Rankin, fourth grade; Edna Avery, third grade; Ella Zimmerman, second grade; Flora Bunker, first grade. R. B. Carris is janitor.

"Which are the pictures in your gallery?" asked Mr. Cumrox. "Mother and the girls like the man to go round and take off the prize marks I had put on, on before I had time to learn 'em by heart."—Washington Star.

TEST SCHOOL CHILDREN

Fifty Thousand Kansas Students Examined by Bureau of Educational Measurements.

Emporia, Kan., Dec. 11.—Sixty-five thousand special tests on school children of Kansas were applied through the bureau of Educational Measurements and Standards at Emporia between Sept. 1 and Dec. 1. At least fifty thousand pupils, according to figures of Professor J. C. DeVoss, a member of the bureau, have received these educational tests. The bureau was formed eight months ago under the direction of W. S. Monroe, professor of school administration at the Kansas Normal, for the purpose of standardizing school grades in Kansas. "Our grading system in the schools is at present worthless and unjust because it is not standardized."

The bureau is at present working on scales of handwriting, spelling and drawing under Professor DeVoss, a scale in composition under Baker Brownell, scales in algebra and arithmetic under Professor Monroe and a scale in reading under Dean Kelly. A successful scale in silent reading has been devised by E. J. Kelly, director of the Normal Training school and dean of the school of education at K. U. and is being much used. The bureau offers tests and scales in arithmetic, reading, vocabulary, handwriting, spelling, composition, drawing. Among the public institutions which are using all or part of the Kansas tests are the University of Iowa, the University of Washington, New York city schools, the University of Maine, the University of Minnesota and schools in Texas, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and others.

FEDERAL IDEA OF US KANSAS FARMERS AND HOT WINDS

The Relations of Climate to Business Are Discussed

In a Report From the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

DROUTH NO LONGER A TERROR

Early Handicap of the State Has Been Overcome.

Irrigation and Building of Silos Have Turned the Trick.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Discussing the relations of climate and business, a report of the committee on statistics and standards of the chamber of commerce of the United States deals with conditions in the great plains states. Roughly speaking, this embraces North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, a large part of Texas, the eastern halves of New Mexico and Colorado and the extreme eastern portions of Wyoming and Montana. According to A. W. Douglas, of St. Louis, chairman of the committee, the conflict of conditions in these states are shown constantly in Kansas, which for the purpose of the report is selected as typical.

"For some years Kansas was to the unknown a byword for mortgaged farms, discontent and distressed farmers, and it was impossible to talk of government and finance," the report goes on. "It was not long, however, before the tide turned and a new era set in, and progress today. It was due not alone to the natural courage and intelligence of the people of Kansas, but likewise to the patient teaching, investigation and experimentation of the federal department of agriculture, the State College of Agriculture at Manhattan, and the state board of agriculture. Among the public institutions which are using all or part of the Kansas tests are the University of Iowa, the University of Washington, New York city schools, the University of Maine, the University of Minnesota and schools in Texas, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and others."

HE LOOKS LIKE WILSON

The Rev. A. S. Henderson Was Mistaken for the President on a Recent Eastern Trip.

The face of the Rev. A. S. Henderson, pastor of the First Congregational church, closely resembles that of

Woodrow Wilson and as he and his wife were walking down a Philadelphia street about the time of the announcement of the president's engagement to Mrs. Galt, he noticed that people were nodding and smiling as they passed.

"Have I a smudge on my nose?" he asked his wife.

As they got to a street car, a newsboy announced "President Wilson" to the straphangers.

The climax came when Mr. and Mrs. Henderson came out of the White House in Washington after a sixteenth tour. A foreign diplomat rushed up and swept the sidewalk with his silk hat.

"Is this you?" he stammered.

The passerby, mostly sightseers, formed a ring around Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and wanted to shake hands. It was some time before he persuaded them that he was not the president.

Everywhere he went people spoke to him and cameras clicked. On the way home his wife's attention was called to the peculiar actions of a party of men in the Pullman and noticed that the train butler kept passing them and conferring with the party.

Finally he walked up to them and displayed a picture of the president and Mrs. Galt, saying, "If I didn't believe the president was in Washington, I'd be sure that you were Woodrow Wilson."

Mr. Henderson is approximately the same height as the president, is similarly built and happened to dress as he does. He wears glasses, but is slightly more bald than Woodrow Wilson. At certain angles his face is now ascertained to be in any position he resembles the president.

He is unlike him in not being a Democrat, and belongs to no party. The ages of the two men are nearly the same.

SUES ANTHONY-NORTHERN.

Missouri Pacific Asks Damages for Alleged Retention of Fees.

Hutchinson, Kan., Dec. 11.—Suits aggregating \$11,360 have been brought by the Missouri Pacific Railway company against the Anthony & Northern, in the district court at Pratt.

The Missouri Pacific alleges this money is due under the contract for joint use of track out of Lika.

"Why, Mrs. Robinson says she would no more be without her chafing dish than without her stove," "If I had friends could have their way, she'd be relieved of both."—Pack.

RECORD IN RECORDS CANNED MUSIC BY WHOLESALE

D. O. McCray Has Collection of 800 Phonograph Records.

One of the Largest and Choicest in the City.

FROM VAUDEVILLE TO OPERA

Arrangement That Makes Any Disc Immediately Available.

He Plays From 30 to 40 Selections Every Evening.

One of the finest phonograph record collections in the west is possessed by a Topeka newspaper man, D. O. McCray, of 1401 Topeka avenue. McCray has 800 records which he has accumulated from time to time. Music is his chief hobby and every evening he plays 30 to 40 pieces on his machine.

The McCray talking machine is installed in a little alcove, by the library, which has really been turned into a music room. One massive table is filled with records, all of them packed in regular order. In such a fashion that Mr. McCray can lay his hands on any one of them at any time. Several big books full of records decorate other portions of the room.

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room and the music box itself has a number of the most expensive ones. McCray takes great delight in playing his various records and there is not one of his 800 that he is not entirely familiar with.

For instance, he will start off his evening concert with the sextette from Lucia, as rendered by Enrico Caruso and five other stars of grand opera. The marvelous voices in that matchless tune are those which are demanding enormous salaries from New York managers.

Branching off from grand opera— and his collection is full of it—McCray will grab a Montgomery and Stone comedy record. As Fred Stone is a North Topeka boy this naturally is of interest to his visitors. Following Montgomery and Stone, perhaps Bert Williams will solo an inimitable negro melody, or Colan will entertain in his talking music, or some well known minstrel aggregation tells tales with gusto.

One of the charming singers who is a favorite with McCray is Alma Gluck, the soprano. He would rather hear her sing "In Old Virginia" assisted by a male quartet than wear a new hat.

The record collection has been selected with infinite care. The classic selections are of the best. A large number of Hawaiian pieces can be found because the collector has a weakness for the Sandwich Islands music. And he is not alone in that respect because music dealers say that lately there have been more calls for Hawaiian songs and eukulele pieces than for any other kind of records.

War tunes, sailor songs, banjo, xylophone, violin and flute solos are favorites. Here and there is rag time and his bunch of light and comic operatic discs is the best in town.

There is only one larger private collection in the city, that of Walter Raitz, who has about 1,500 records. McCray has just two hobbies. One is music, as mentioned before; the other is the proposed plan for the reading of the daily newspaper in the public schools. But that is another story.

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Use Land for Dry Farming.
Much of the land in the reservation has been filed on, since the proclamation was issued, under the 320-acre homestead act, and will be put to use for dry farming. Over 5,000 acres are being reserved for use as a proposed game reserve for the almost extinct quail. The usual methods had to be modified, because of peculiar soil and climatic conditions, that the cost of the afforestation was seen to be prohibitive.

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Grow Trees in Nebraska.
That afforestation in barren sand-hill country can be carried on successfully and profitably is proved by the results achieved in western Nebraska. Only a few hundred miles north of the abolished Kansas forest, there Jack pines have been established and are growing lustily. The failure in Kansas was practically a voluntary failure for economic reasons. If the time should come when it is worth a great deal more than it is now to have forests covering the Kansas sand hills, the state will have the satisfaction of knowing that he can turn the trick.

ARMENIAN TALKS ON WAR.
Distorted Values Real Cause of War, Says Aggie Foreign Student.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 11.—The nations engaged in the war have the same distorted values, says Aggie, a student in the Armenian and student in industrial journalism in the Kansas State Agricultural college, who addressed the Cosmopolitan club of the college. A wrong estimate of values is the basis of the war, in the opinion of Mr. Baghigian.

"What is the cause of the failure of the student in mathematics? Does any one doubt that it is the lack of knowledge concerning the working principles of that subject which leads the student to failure?"

"Suppose that you were taught to believe that five times five equals 35 and all along your life you followed this instruction in your dealing with others. You would be just as earnest as you would have been had you known the correct result. When you failed to receive 25 as the result of five times five you would resort to means that might restore to you the sum which alone satisfied your conception of value. This is just what the nations of Europe are doing. They are trying to regain the 35 as the result of five times five. In their zeal for safeguarding the so-called national interests they have failed, as a whole, to see the real greatness of a nation or a race in its beneficial influence on man."

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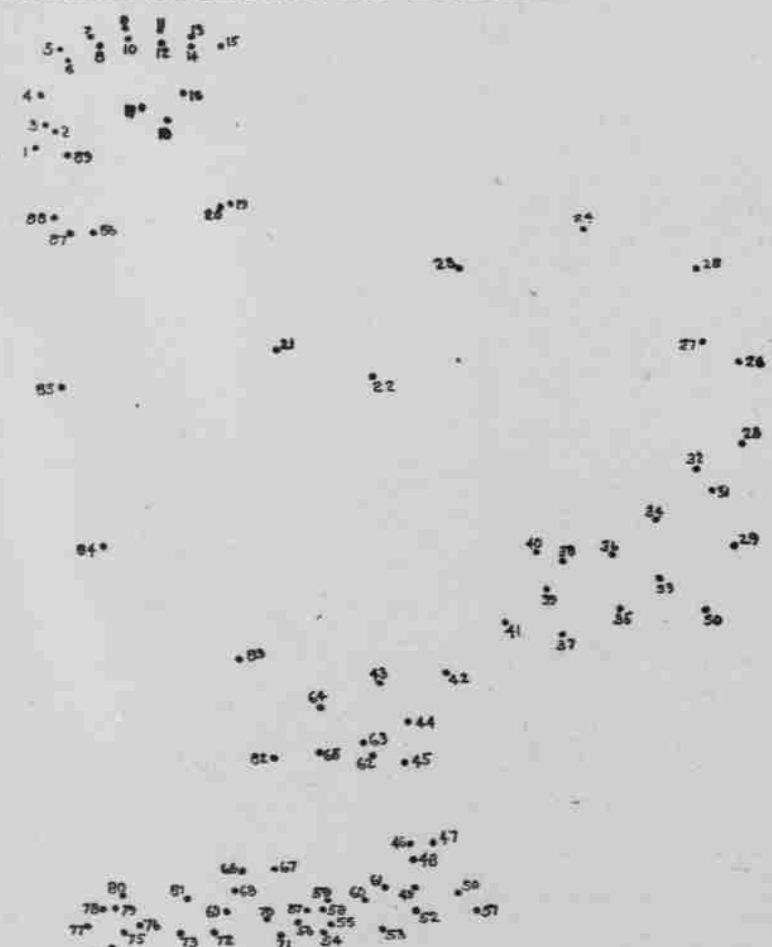
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DOT PUZZLE PICTURE BY BOLMAR



See, some day I will look like that!



His voice so cheery, loud and clear,
We hear at dawn of day
He struts about in vestiture queer
With plumes and ruffles gay.

If now our hero you would see—
His likeness you would know
Draw in a line from dot to dot
And watch his likeness grow.

Complete the picture by drawing a line through the dots. Begin at No. 1 and take them numerically.

Weather and Crop Yields.
Hot winds are meteorological phe-